CENTURION #13

LOOK LIKE THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD

ie unlucky issue

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Sorry that their is no cartoon here, but I don't type cartoons. Get the point! This is getting ridiculous, isn't it? I hope not, but I know I'm wrong. Alojg the left-hand side of this page should be a political cartoon, if I'll draw it. My drawing stinks. Anyway, you should be able to guess what it's on. If you don't, look at it. My drawing is bad, the duplicator I use STINKS, and I'm never a good geometric drawer. But their's nothing geometric in it? How true...

GAME OPENINGS are on page #2. How nice.

ZINE REVIEWS. This new feature, is exactly the same as Dave Kadlecek's old feature. But Dave no longer is doing it, and so I will take over now.

DYNASTY #3 (recd 11/6), Adam Gruen, 470 North Street, Harrison, NY 10528. Game openings in regular Diplomacy for sub. Subs are 12/42.50. Contains: games, announcements, "New CRTs, for Stalingrad, D-Day, and Afrika Corps", ads, plugs, "A game reiview of Tobruk",

"Plague"; a diplomacy variant about the plague, and a little about Galactic Conquest. 8pp.

THE BOOK OF STAB #37 (recd 11/6), Randolph Bart, 9950 Reseda Blvd, #13, Northridge, CA 91324, subs are 10/\$2 payable to Jonathan Hall. Game openings in Anarchy I (the 34-player game) for \$1 + sub (if you die withing 2 years, your sub is refunded partially, and the gamefee is refunded completely) and Regular Diplomacy for \$1+\$1 deposit+sub. Contains: Games, Press, announcements, "How to win at Russia in Youngstown Variant" by Jonathan Hall. 6pp.

LIBERTERREAN #42 (recd 11/7), Jim Bumpas, 948 Lorraine Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022, mbms subs. 24/\$6 (a year), rising to 10/\$3 January 1, 1976. Contains: Games, quotes, press, announcements, plugs, and an add. 8pp.

POICTESME #21 (recd 11/6), Bruce Schlickbernd, 6194 E. 6th St, Long Beach, CA 90803, subs are 10/53. GONTAINS: Announcements, a lot on D&D (9pp), Games, Press, plugs, a letter from Jim Diehl, and a Beyerlein Player Poll Ballot. 24pp.

CLAW & FANG #60 (recd 11/8), Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct, Sacrameto, CA 95826, subsare 12/33 (after December 31 they'll be 11/\$3). CONTAINS: Announcements, Games, Press, "The Diplomat's other table" (a recipe for Cranberry-Crange Nut Bread), "In the World of Mules, there are No Rules" by Rod Walker(on rules in Diplomacy), "Stirring Things Up" by Peter Berggren (comments on things going on in C&F), Letters from Margaret Gemignani and Walt Buchanan, and "Thoughts of one more novice", by Don Dewsnap (take a guess on what that is on), and a Bourse. 14pp.

THE PREDAWN LEFTIST #8 (recd 11/8), Ben Grossman, 29 E. 9th/st, Apt 9, New York, NY 10003, Subs are 8/\$2. Openings in Regular Diplomacy (\$2 + sub), Colonia (\$3 + sub), Utter Chaos (\$1 + sub), Middle Earth VIII (\$2 + sub), Patrol (\$3 + sub). CONTAINS: Announcements, games, press, ½ of a Colonia Map, "Jonh Vanible" by Adam Kasanof, rules for Postal Patrol, "D&D" by Matt Diller. 24pp.

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This is CENTURION, a magazine of postal diplomacy & related matters. Subs

are 8/\$2 and that includes playing in a game of regular Diplomacy. Would you beleive xxxx I had set this on doulbe-spacing? ((YES)) Extra games and games for traders are just \$1. This is Chihuahua publications #30! Gamefee for YV is \$1 + 50¢ deposit. Back issues (##2-6, 8-12) are available for just 30¢ each. We will galadly pay for articles, paying 4 free issues for over one page (per article) and 2 for those less than that. Write for permission to reprint articles. Diplomacy was invented by Allan Clahamer and is a registered trademak of Games Research Inc., Box.18-N, Boston, MA O2118. Cur Bourse rules are in issue #4 of CENTURION.

POSTAL DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT game openings...we have 7! No comment, but why not send \$2 gamefee? This includes the entry fee into the PDT. Unless we get more subscribers to this tournament soon, it'll be it.

THE YOUNGSTOWN VARIANT, that very famous game, is being run in these pages. We have 2 game openings left, and the first \$1 gamefee+50¢ deposit fills the board. The map, if needed is included.

ERROR ON THE MAPS!!! If you have a YV mpa from Randolph Bart or one of ours, their is an error, the South Pacific Ccean Borders the Timor Sea. Please correct your map accordingly.

REGULAR CPENINGS for sub, or for traders or if it's an extra game, for jus_t \$1. We have 4 signed up for this contest, so why notjoin (if you're from Southern California, Northern New York, Michagan, or Minnesota, sorry!) We have THREE OPENINGS IN THIS GAME (not four. I need a course in algebra again. But I know that RT=D (rate times time = distance. EaSy), but that's an easy formula!).

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS REACHES THE VALLEY! Yes, I now have the rules for D&D. Below are tow new monsters, I'm using them in my dungeon (so Pandolph, have fun!!! It could be worse, I'm thinking of adopting the Arabian Shiek!). It's good filler, for all you D&D Fans. SCOOC:

MORE MONSTERS FOR D&D! by Russell Fox

First off on our exciting list is the RTD bus...Number appearing: 1-2, Armor class: 1, Moves in inches: 17-28, hit diee: 3-7, % in lair: 5%, type or amount of treasure: Type I + 30 SILVER PIECES.

DESCRIPTION: For those of you who live in IA, you should know what this is. It is actually a transport vehicle, and can take from 10-20 occupants (role on 20-cided die. If it is less than or equal to ten, it is ten; on up to 20.) This monster's length may be determined by the GM (snicker, snicker) although it's height is 8', (width determined by GM). In melee, besides the first round for the RTD Bus, the windows may be opened and swords, spears, wands, and even magic be used on the windows (roll on a 12-sided die if the window works for that particular character. 12 indidates that the window is broken.). RTD Buses also may hijak the driver, foll on an 8-sided die (8 indicates that the bus will drive itself, 7 indicates that the bus will have a 50% chance of driving itself on the next turn.). Buses may have no occupants. If so, the bus will be driving itself (1-3 on 6 sided die) or being driven by magic (4-5 on 6 sided die) or be stalled (6 on 6 sided die). I might have left something out, but I don't think so.

The next monster is the CHIHUAHUA. Number appearing: 1-500(1), hit dice: 1-8, % in lair; 40%, type or amount of treasure: TYPE G+ 2 Magical Items!

The Chihuahua is a small (1' high) monster, that can be friendlyxxex lawful, or chaotic, NEVER neutral. They can be accompanied (roll 1-3 on 6-sided die) by a giant chihuahua (next in this article.). If found outside their lair, they will contain 4-7 magical items in their collars. They also may be wearing

THE GAMES: First, their is a large # of NMR's. I DID NOT accept late moves. This was told to you last time. AND THE DEADLINE WAS CLEARLY NOVEMBER 19, 1975 and it is A WEDENSDAY! Always mail a setof floves in early, otherwise it'll happen again. All stand-bys are listed at the end of the moves!

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1975CJ (C5A) JUNKERS SEE TANNENBURG IN REVERSE; THE IONION FALLS TO Spring 1904 THE WEST; YES, THE DRAW WAS A NEW NO!

Draw vote: 2 yes, 3 no, no abstains, 2 not voting.

AUSTRIA (McIlvaine): F Gre-Ion, A Tri-Tyo, A Boh-Sil, A Rum-Gal, A Vie S A Rum-Gal

ENGLAND (Kendter): A Lon-Nwy, F Nth C A Lon-Nwy, F Trn S FRENCH F Tun-Ion, Txxxp F Swe-Bot, A StP-Lvn, A Fin-StP, F Bar S A Fin-StP

FRANCE (Diehl): A Par-Gas, A Mar-Pie, A Rom-Apu, F Tun-Ion, F Nap S F Tun-Ion GERMANY (Diller): F Bal S ENGLISH A StP-Lvn, A Pru S A StP-Lvn /a/, A Ber-Sil,

A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Ruh Digs Coal to fuel the war machinge, A Sil-Gal

ITALY (Kovalcik, Jr.): F Ven S TURKISH F Ion-Apu

RUSSIA (Zimmermann): F Lvn-Pru, A War S F Lvn-Pru, A Mos S A War

TURKEY (Fujihara): F Ion-Apu, F Aeg S AUSTRIAN F Gre-Ion, A Bu-Rum, F Smy-Eas

Fall 1904 moves due Wedensday, Nomember December 10, 1975 -----

1975EN (C5B) CHAOS REIGNS IN EUROPE AS...FRANCE STABS ENGLAND...AS Spring 1903 ENGLAND STABS GERMANY...AS GERMANY STABS ENGLAND...AS RUSSIA DIES...AS ITALY AND AUSTRIA STAB GERMANY...AS ITALY STABS FRANCE..AS TURKEY&AUSTRIA STAB RUSSIA!

AUSTRIA (Trenam): A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Boh, A Ukr-War, A Gal S A Ukr-War, A Rum-Ukr, F Trn-Tun

ENGLAND (Behnen): F Hel-Hol, F Eng S. A Pic-Bel (-Wal, Lon, OTB), A Pic-Bel FRANCE (Stephens): F Bre S F Mid-Eng, F Mid-Eng, A Par-Mar /imp/, A Spa H, **F** Mar-Lyo /a/

GERMANY (Zimmermann): A Bel-Yor, F Nth C A Bel-Yor, A Hol-Kie, F Pen S A Hol-Kie, A Ber S A Hol-Kie

ITALY (Ditter): A Pie-Mar, F Lyo S A Pie-Mar, F Wes-Spa(sc), A Ven-Pie, A Mun S AUSTRIAN A Boh-Sil

RUSSIA (Kovalcik, Jr.): A StP S A Mos, A War S A Mos (-Pru, Lvn, CTB), F Nwy-Nwg, F Swe H, A Mos S A War

TURKEY (Diehl): A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Con, A Bul H, A Arm H, F Smy-Eas

Summer & Fall 1903 moves are due Wedensday, December 10, 1975 -----PRESS:Roma:Behnen Delenda Est.----

1975CK (C5C) GERMANY AND RUSSIA REGAIN THEIR HOMELANDS (for the Fall 1902 Octoberfest!)Summer 1902:Russia Retreat A Mun-OTB

AUSTRIA (Diehl): A Bud S A Rum, A Rum S RUSIAN A Ukr-Sev, A Tyo-Pie, A Bul S A · Rum, F Gre S A Bul

ENGLAND (McDonald): F Iri S F Eng, F Eng S F Iri, F Nth H, A Nwy-Swe FRANCE (Squires?): A Bur H, F Bre U, A Spa U, A Mar U, F Mid U

GERMANY (Nelson): F Den S ENGLOSH A Nwy-Swe, A Ber-Sil, A Bel-Bur, A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Hol H

ITALY (Behnen): A Apu-Tun, K KONXCXAXAPMHTMM, F Eas S AUSTRIAN F Gre-Aer (NSO) (-Syr, OTB), F Ion C A Apu-Tun, A Ser S AUSTRIAN A Bul

RUSSIA *** (Tobin): *** & ak** Kr, A Ukr-Sev, A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, F Bot-Swe TUKREY (Zimmermann): A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Con-Bul, A Sev-Rum (-Arm, OTB), F Smy-Eas, F Aeg S F Smy-Eas

SUPPLY CENTER CHART (for Fall 1902)

AUSTRIA: Bud, Tri, Vie, Rum, Gre, Bul (6) BUILD ONE

ENGLAND: Edi, Lvp, Lon, Nwy, Swe FRANCE:

(5) BUILD ONE

Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa CONTINEUD NEXT PAGE

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RUSSIA (Kendter): Builds F StP(nc), A Vla, A Oms. Also has F Kor, A Sib, F Swe, A Rum, A Gal, F Sev (9)

TURKEY (Stepghens): NMR! Neutral Builds: F Smy, A Bag. Also has A Nej, F Aeg, A Bul. A Ira

Spring 1902 moves due on Wedensday, December 10, 1975. Always check for double-coatedness (i.e. Thailand, Spain, Egypt, ...) when making your moves. Also see page #2 for map change.

1975HK (C5G) THE USUAL ITALIAN GOOF: ROME BORDERS PIEDMONT!!! Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (McDonald): A Tri-Bud (NSU!), F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie U!

ENGLAND (Diehl): A Lvp-Yor, F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth

FRANCE (Weinstock): A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY (Scheutz): F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Bur

ITALY (Stephens): A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Pie /imp/, F Nap-Trn

RUSSIA (Norton): F Sev-Baa, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal, F StP(sc)-Bot

TURKEY (Bart): F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm

Fall 1901 orders are due Wedensday, December 10, 1975. LCCK AT THE BOARD!

1974Q (C5H) AUSTRIA STABS ITALY AUSTRIA STABS ITALY AUSTRIA STABS ITALY Spring 1906

AUSTRIA (Brooks): A Tri-Ven, A Vie-Tri, A Bud S A Rum, A Gel-Ukr, A Pum S A Gal-Ukr, A Bul S A Rum, A Con-Smy, F Aeg S A Con-Smy

ENGLAND (Minton): F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Nth-Ska, F Lon-Nth, F Bel H, F Bre-Eng, F Por-Spa(sc), A Lvp-Wal, A Edi-Yor

FRANCE (Diehl): F Spa(sc)-Lyo, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur GERMANY (Behnen): A Tyo-Mun, A Kie-Den, A Hol S ENGLSIH F Bel

ItALY (Pepper): F Wes-Spa(sc), A Mar S F Wes-Spa(sc), F Trn-Rom, F Eas S A Smy, A Smy H

RUSSIA (Kovalcik, Jr.): F Bal-Den, A Sev-Rum, A War-Gal, A Ukr S A Sev-Rum, F Bla S A Sev-Rum

TURKEY (Verheiden): A Ank-Smy

Fall 1906 moves are due Wedensday, December 10, 1975 at noon.

Interim 1906 CANDDIAN POSTAL STRIKE STRIKES AGAIN... 1974AJ (C5I)

Unitl it's over, we'll take a lonnnnnnnngggg break. Moves are due (if possible) December 31, 1975 (wEdensday). It might be a while...

SPRING Fall 1906 1975AW (C5J) ONLY RUMANIA CHANGES HANDS,,, BUT SMYRNA DOES (but it's surrounded), too!

AUSTRIA (Verheiden): F Gre-Aeg, A Boh S A Vie-Cal, A Vie-Gal, A Ser-Pum, A Bud S A Ser-Rum, A Bul S A Ser-Rum

GERMANY (Hubbard): A Mun-Boh, A Sil S A Mun-Boh, A Kie S A Ber-Mun, A Ber-Mun,

A Bur-Par, F Eng H, F Lon-Nth, F Den-Bal, A Edi H, A LvpH
ITALY (Kelley): F Smy-Eas, F Con-Pla, F Nap-Ion, F Rom-Trn, A Ven-Pie, A Tun H,

F Por-Spa(sc), A Tyo S AUSTRIAN A Boh, A Bre H, F Mid-Eng RUSSIA (Chamberlain): A Ank-Smy, AXXXXXXXXXXXXX A StP-Mos, F Swe H, A War S A Gal, A Gal S F Rum, A Ukr S F Rum, F Rum H /a/, F Sev-Bla

Fall 1906 moves are due Wedensday, December 10, 1975

1975HZ (C5K)

NEAR Spring 1901

Moves for Spring 1901 are due Wedensday, December 10, 1975 at noon. I have orders on file for France and Italy. Also, Glen Taylor ows me money, and unless I receive his sub money soon, he will be replaced. His stand-by is leisted below. Actually, his stand-by is listed on page #6.

Soon, the weather will improve. • It was only 66° F. today, in Southern California? Welllllllll,

This is the end of the page.

True. 60 00

THIS IS OUR GENTURION #13, of 22 november 1975 and this is PAGE NUMBER SIX

OUR STANDBY LIST (and ansterik(*) denotes that that person was used in this issue. Bart*, Kendter*, Behnen*, Pepper*, Zimmermann, Parker, Brooks, Kovalcik, Jr., Squires? (he NMRed this time)(also, I tried a collect call to him, but it was refused.)(his sub also runs out (has ran out) so...), ANY VOLUNTEERS?

SEE BELOW FOR 1975GK

STANDBY'S: For 1975GK, WillixkeexKensterxx4347xBennerxStxxFhiladelphiaxxR4x434358

FOR 1975GT: Will Gary Behnen, 9245 Tea Rose Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126 for Austria.

For 1975Xcv, will Jon Pepper, 3542 Meier St, Los Angeles, CA 90066 standby for Germany, and will Randolph Bart, 9950 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91324 standby for Turkey

A NOTE ON THE GAMES:

1975GJ% (C5A%)

THE BOURSE WILL BEGIN

AGAIN!!!!!

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Yes, the Bourse will again begin. No joke, it vill vegin. Everyone entered (Diehl, Fox, M., McIlvaine, Kovalcik, Jr., Cooper, Trenam, Squires?, Stephens) please submit your FALL 1904 BOURSE MOVES. They are due on TUESDAY, December 9, 1975 at noon. Others are invited to join, the rules in CENTURION #4, being available from me for just 30¢. YOU ALL MUST HAVE ONE TRANSACTION (minimum) to be included in the Fall 1904 transaction list. The computer is working!

1975GK (C5C) PRESS:

G5E (1975GS) press:

BERLIN (Nov. 1, 1902): The Kaiser, after going out (*for*) trick or treating (treat or else!) last night, awoke in a foul mood. His mommy saw this and wobried, "Whart's wrond Donnie?" The Kaiser hedged, then brikefly described several facts of the penny-pinching citizenry. This blast of profanity would put a marine saregent to shame. Then, ina meek voice, he said, "I got beat up, Mommy." "Not by that weird Besh-Puppet, I hope?...

WE INTERRUFT THIS PRESS RELEASE FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

I have just receive a call form Peter J. Squires. He IS resigning from 1975GK! Will Terry Lucero TAKE CVER??? I'm sorry, but I can't allow his moves (standby) for this game. However, it would've made no difference. All players in GK please note this. WE X NOW RETURN TO CUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRESS RELEASE!)).

"Why did they do that?" "I dunno. I offered to help him (Tommy) beat up that kid from Belgium. He was real happy about that. He was even thinking about beating up myxrmxxix Lucero with my Russian pal and me. Then he turned around and beat me up." "Maybe your Italian and Russian pals ((Russian pals...Army Silesia is Russian, isn't it?)) can beat me them up with you." "I must be popular. Yous should see all the boxes I got." "Boxes of candy, oh how nice." "Most of them are clocks, because they're all ticking like my Baron von Mouse Watch((BOCCOOOCMM: I WONDER what that was!)).

1975GT (C5F) PRESS:

BERLIN (1902): Frantic round-the-clock German naval construction results in the High Seas Fleet schieving parity with the much touted Grand Fleet.

CY1 (1975Xcv) PRESS:

PARIS (1901): The appointment of a new French Sec. of War by Prame Minister La Forde signaled the end of expenditures to maintian a French Imperial Far Eastern Prescence. Rabble in Saigon assuing sensing the decline of the Wests were heard to shout Frenchie Go Rome! The fresh Sec. of War exclaimed "millions for welfare but not one centine more for defense."

C5D (1973AB) WINNERS STATEMENT:

Nobody else, save Blair Cusack, probably even remembers what happended in this game back in Costaguana. An Anglo-French allainee made progress into Germany. I took our Russia (Greg Warden) while France (Dennis Brackman) tood out Italy. He lucked out because Hilliker dropped, leaving free centers.

In the south, I still didn't know what was up. Aus-Rus-Tur were fighting but little came of it. The reason was the over-riding characteristic of this game: missed moves. Gehrke (Austria) made a move, then missed, and repeated the cycle. He was replaced by John Carroll, who pulled the same antics, then by

Herb Barenswho finally submitted moves consistently.

Brackamn and I had a good alliance. Despite the fact that he had fallen into the Italian centers I probably wouldn't have attacked him, which would mean a 2-way draw (I don't think he would have pulled a quickie, and he gave no impression of attempting to pull away from me). Therefore, I was none too happy when I learned he had resigned. On that turn, a draw vote was proposed (for me and Brackman). I asked his replacement-to-be (Staples) whether he'd take a second, draw, or what. He said he didn't know yet, but I should vote no and allow him to enter the game (NOTE: Dave Staples had no vote in the proposed draw between me and Brackman, and I a sure either fust. Is or Turkey vetoed it because contact told me my vote didn't matter because the draw was defeated). I had no intention of allowing him to take a 12-center France in for a cheaple win or 2-way draw. The original player, yes (he deserved it), but not a sub itching for it. Further I noticed a magnation of French units close to my centers (which had not occurred with Dennis). So I hit him, and succeeded.

Blair was the only other original player left. He had a hard time throughout and when I asked him if he'd help, he agreed. In return, I helped him vs. Austria as well as I could. Tactically, I could have been stopped against a united board, but there was no cohesion. I was friendly with Turkey, only semi-beligerent concerning Austria; Blair wanted to get Herb, and I don't know

what Herb wanted.

Thanks for completing the game, Russell. It ended a 6-month limbo when Costaguana stopped publishing (unfortuantely) without any word.

THE RUSSIAN BEAR AFLOAT:

A history Of Russians At Sea AD 940-1975 (or 1976...) by Michael George Wassair Homeier

The Russian Baltic Sea Fleet, renamed the Second Pacific Squadron, began its historic transger on 2 October 1904. Almost immediately, Rombestvenskiy's motley conglomeration of mostly antiquated warships and revolutionary crews ran into troubble. The flagship, Kniaz Suvorov, leading the van from Port AleksanderIII at Libau, had just emerged form the confining waters of the Denmark Straits when a nervous "Mitchman" (sub-Lieutenant) serving one of her 3-inch quickfires spotted a shadowy form out to sea, and opened fire. Within seconds every trigger-happy gun commander in the fleet seemed to open up, some at shaped they could hardly see, others at shapes they thought they could see, and others merely because everyone else was firing. It took many long miutes for the Russian officers to regain control of their ship, and when Rozhestvenskiy learned that he had just about obliterated the British North Sea Fisheries Fleet, his braction was violent, and hardly assuaged when it was learned that the gun

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crews had mistaken the English fishing trawlers for Japanese torpedo boats sent on a suicide mission to sink the Baltic Fleet! Barely a few hours out, and the Fleet's voyage had started on a very bad fooring. It was a portent of things to come.

Desperate Russian diplomacy narrowly prevented a British declaration of war for the "Dogger Vank Incident", and the British, who sympathized with the Japanese anyways, announced that none of their coaling stations were to be available to the Russians. One by one the other European powers followed suit, and it was only through pleas, threats, and bribes that Toxhestvenskiy was able to herd his polyglot force into Korea Bay on 27 Many 1905, ending a voyage that had taken the Russian Second Pacific Squadron more than half of the way across the globe.

By now Port Arthur was ringingk to "Banzai!" cheers, and Romhestvenskiy ordered the Fleet to proceed toward Vladivostok, there to join up with the Blockaded cruisers of what was left of Wiren's First Pacific Squadron. But as the lead elements of the Russian vanguard were entering the straits of Tsushima, Admiral Togo's battle fleet was seen standing off to starboard. The Battle of Tsushima was about to be joined.

The condition of the Russian ships has already been detailed; by now their crews were as tired as their hulks, and demoralized by the manner in which they and been treated by foreigners during their record voyage. The Japanese, on the other hand, maintined the highest morale following their victory at Arthur. That campaign had demosntrated their superior weaponry and command; they held the strategic position between Rozhestvenskiy and Vladivostock; and in case of trouble their major naval bases were close at hand.

Rozhestvenskiy's chain of command collapsed at the battles commencement, and as his ships were forced to operate on their own, Togo took the initiative, crossed the Russians' bows, and opened fire. Within a few hours the Russian Second Pacific Squadron had ceased to exist. Sunk were battleships Kniaz Suvorov, Beredine, Imperator Alexsander III, Oslyabya, Navarin, Sissoi Velikly, and Cushakov, armored cruisers Dmitri Donskoi, Vladimir Monomakh, and Nakhimov, light cruisers Izumrud and Svietlana-akk in all, somewhere about 4,000 men killed. Captured were battleships Orel, Apraksin, and Amiral Seniavin, cruiser Imperator Nikolai I, and about six destroyers, one carrying the wounded Admiral Rozhestvenskiy. Japanese casualties: no ships lost or damaged, 113 men killed, 424 men wounded. In one day the Japanese had won a battle as decisive as Trafalger, the first major battleship duel in history.

Unperturbed by this overwhelming defeat, Tsar Nikolai II remained firm in his desire for a navla victory over Japan, and summonsed together his last remianing battleships, those of the Black Sea Fleet, and ordered them to proceed to the Orient under the designation of "3rd Pacific Squadron."

But the crews aboard the Black Sea Fleet warships had other ideas: knowing full well of the sestruction of their fellows and of their own inadequacy to forae a different outcome, the crew revolted, inspired bu the revolt by the crew of the Russian Black Sea Fleet flagship Kniaz Potemkin Tavricheskiy, hoisted the red flag of revolution, and made it claer Manchuria was the last place they'd go. Despairing at last, Tsar Nikolai threw in the towel, ironically just as his land forces were regainisng the upper hand in the East.

Slowly and very painfully the Russian Navy was rebuilt, os that by the outbreak of the First World War, eight modern Russian dreadnoughts were on the stocks, and the Fleet's strenght on paper (not showing the same drawbacks, now magnified, that existed in 1904-5) was not incosiderable. Nikolai, allied with Great Britain's agreed to the navla blockade of the German coast, in which the British Grand Fleet was to blockade the German coast, west of the Danish Jutland peninsula, while the Rissian Black Baltic Sea Fleet was to close the German Blatic coastal ports. Because the Blatic sea dreadnought were incomplete, the Russians, outnumbered in by the German High Seas Fleet, resorted to the laying of minefields, and the establishment of naval patrols to keep the Germans in check. As the attention of the High Seas Fleet was focused towar,d the North Sea, light units of the CONTINUED ON PAGE #9

Russian navy won several engagements with minir elements of the German Naby, and succeeded in severing Germany's right transport of iron ore from Sweden. This re-focused Berlin's attention to the east, and following the Battle of Jutland, German dreadnoughts entered the Baltic via the Kiel Canal and crusehed the inferior pre-dreadnoughts of the Russian Batic Sea Fleet, which retreated and succeeded in blockin the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

Russian navla successes versus the Turkish Navy in the Black Sea ended suddenly with the appearance of the German battelcrusier Goeben (Yavuz) with attendant German ship through the Bosporus. The paval actions stalemated, but by this time the Russians needed naval successes to win, and thus their last chance of

victory in the southe ended.

In mid-1917 the massive and decisive German Summer Offensive began. In the Ri Baltic, Russian light craft continued to keep German vessels outside the Gulf of Finalnd. But in the South the situation deteriorated rapidly. By the beginning of 1918 (the start of Bolshevik control), all of the Ukraine had been occupied by the Austro-Germans. The Russian Fleet, leaving the now untenable naval base at Sevastapol, betreated to Novorossik, and when the Central Powers threatened to capture these ships, on the first of May 1918 Vladimir Lemin ordered teh Black Sea Fleet scuttled at Tsemesskaya Ray. The Black Sea Fleet was destroyed by the Bolsheviks, and what was left of the Baltic Sea Fleet was almost totally wiped out in the following "Interventions" and Russian civil War.

During the Civil War, Red river florillas provided useful aid to Trotskiy's land forces. Securing total power, in 1923 lenin ordered the "birth" of a Soviet Navy, and by 1924 the Russian Soviet Navy included to former Tsarist dreadnoughts, two war cruisers, ten destrouers, and eleven submarines. In the years 1924-1926 Soviet tonnage increased from 82,000t to 139,000t, and the slow take of rebuilding contineud through the '30s, and as the minor arm of the Red military machinge, escaped the worst of the Stalinist purges of the late 1930's.

The Soviet naby was cuaght unprepared by the German blitzkrieg of 1941, like every other branch of the Bed military. Fithough the Newy was not of a inconsiderable size, numbering three dreadhoughts (scantily modernized), eight cruisers, seventy-seven destroyers, and two hundred submarines, the German juggernaut ended andy possibility of effective Russian haval resistance for a good time to come

during the war.

In the Baltic German U-boats and the Luftwaffe combined to neutraleize the Soviet Baltic Sea Fleet, crippling the dreadnouthet and destroying important naval equipment at Riga, biban, and Kronstadt-Leninburg. In the south, German naval and iar superiority kept the Balck Sea Fleet units huddled in the ir Causasian hedeaways, and by 1942 the bulk of Russia's navla complement was engaged in fighting the Nazis on the ground. This was to continue for most of the war...

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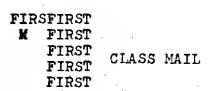
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Lately I've gone down into the dungeons alot. Last time was fun (especially for the GM, Dave H---, well) as we encountered, 30 seconds after we entered his dungeon, 2 Swashbucklers, luckilly, we bribed them with 2 quarts of wine. Next, we dropped to the second level, and there we met more...first we heard some men, encountered some giant Beetles (who killed Jonathan Hall, pity!), then we found more men, and then...we encountered 60 gnolls! We attempted to fight them, and we did. Our magic misslers (3) and some of are sling-shoters fired away. The GM was kept for 1½ hours (real time) as we devoured the gnolls. After we had killed 24, had 5 under charm, he agreed that we could jukkwakkxif kill all of the gnolls, except the guard. We will be continuing soon!!!

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